



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Fox et al.

Appl. No.: 09/656,397

Filed: September 6, 2000

For: **System, Method, and Computer
Program Product for Short-Range Weather
Adapted, Business Forecasting**

Confirmation No. 9356

Art Unit: 2163

Examiner: Tariz Hafiz

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants submit the following Amendment. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of the replacement text of the specification along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page 3, appropriate remarks and arguments; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page 4, a marked-up version entitled: "*Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.*"